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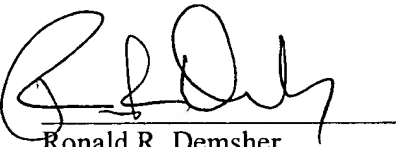
Claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 have been amended. Claim 21 has been added.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the personal interview conducted on September 12, 2006, including Examiner Chow, Supervisor Zhen, Ian Robinson, Alasdair Rawsthorne, and Ronald Demsher. During the interview the participants discussed various claim amendments to more clearly define the invention. Those amendments are included herewith. Accordingly, the Applicant believes that independent claims 1, 8, 10, 11 and 21 are allowable over the cited art.

In view of the above amendments, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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